

# SESSION TITLE: God's Covenant with David

**BIBLE PASSAGE:** 2 Samuel 6-7

**STORY POINT:** God promised that the Messiah would come from David's family.

**KEY PASSAGE:** Psalm 145:13

**BIG PICTURE QUESTION:** How is Jesus the perfect King? Jesus perfectly rules over the universe as the King of kings.

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## SCHEDULE

Introduce the Story	
(1) Activity Page & Intro Question	5 minutes
(2) Session Starter Activity	5 minutes
Teach the Story	
(3) Big Picture & Timeline	2 minutes
(4) Watch Bible Story Video	4 minutes
(5) Bible Story Discussion	4 minutes
(6) Sing & Key Passage	4 minutes
(7) Prayer	1 minute
Apply the Story	
(8) Coloring Page & Reflection	10 minutes

# PREPARE the Home Session

Set aside some time to prepare for your session. This is a special and unique opportunity and is likely different from what kids are used to, which may cause some challenges. Pray over your time and prepare the best you can.

1. Print this packet, activity pages and coloring sheets. \*
2. Gather necessary materials\*
  - a. Crayons, markers or colored pencils
  - b. Internet-capable device (with Bible video cued)
  - c. Bible
  - d. Snack
3. Verbally prep children for the Sunday School lesson. Let them know your expectations for participating.

**\* If you do not have a printer or the materials needed,** Anthem Kids Lead Nicole Raden has packets of supplies you can pick up at her home. Let Nicole know if you'd like to come pick up a packet via email at [nicole.raden@anthemchurch.org](mailto:nicole.raden@anthemchurch.org) or text at (360) 383-6411.

# INTRODUCE the Story

## (1) INTRO & ACTIVITY PAGE (5 minutes)

To introduce the lesson, print out the appropriate activity page for kids to complete. As they fill them out, ask the intro question to get them thinking about the lesson you will be covering.

### **MATERIALS**

- Preschool Activity Page – “Find the Home”
- Younger Activity Page – “Family Line”
- Older Activity Page – “A Future Promise”
- Crayons, markers or colored pencils

**QUESTION** - Prompt kids to share about times they kept—or broke—promises.

**SAY** - We have learned in the past that God is the only One who always keeps His promises.

Today, we will be studying one of God’s special promises—also known as covenants—that He made to David and David’s family. What do you think God might have promised them?

## (2) SESSION STARTER ACTIVITY (5 minutes)

### **Build a Model Home**

### **MATERIALS**

- Toy building bricks or blocks

Provide toy building bricks or blocks and invite kids to work individually or in small groups to build a model of a house that might be suitable for God. What kind of house does He deserve?

**SAY** - God certainly deserves a wonderful house like a palace! That is just what King David thought in the Bible story we will hear today. David built a palace for himself and then looked around and realized that God’s house—the tabernacle—was just a tent! He wanted to do something about it. Pay close attention to the Bible story to find out what happened.

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## /// TRANSITION TO TEACH THE STORY ///

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### TEACH the Story

#### MATERIALS

- Internet-capable device (Computer, laptop, tablet)
- Bible
- Key Passage Printable

#### **\*\*Note\*\***

*If your children are young, you may want to summarize some of the intro and story explanation. It does not need to be read in its entirety.*

### **(3) Big Picture Question & Timeline (2 minutes)**

**SAY** - As we get into the story, let's remember the big picture question. Can anyone say it and the answer from memory? *[Allow responses.]* Great job. **How is Jesus the perfect King? Jesus perfectly rules over the universe as the King of kings.** That means that Jesus has the authority and ability to do anything, and He always does what is good and right. He isn't just a king, He is the King over all kings.

We learned God's people were supposed to obey God and follow Him as their King. They rejected God and asked for a human king. God gave them Saul, who disobeyed God and was not a good king. That's why **God chose David to be king instead of Saul.** Because of this, Saul wanted to kill David, but **David showed mercy even though Saul hated him.** As we know, God's promises always come true. When Saul died, David became king, just as God planned. Today we will learn about an amazing promise that God made to David and his family.

#### **(4) Bible Story Video (3 minutes)**

**VIDEO TITLE** - "God's Covenant with David"

#### **(5) Bible Story Discussion & Review (4 minutes)**

**SAY** - I love how God responded to David's desire to build a temple. God reminded David that He doesn't need anything from people. He made David into a mighty king, and He never asked for a temple to replace the tabernacle. In a way, it is kind of like God said, "I appreciate your concern, but if I needed a temple, I could make one myself." God did not need David, but He had chosen to use David anyway. And God's plans for David were even bigger than David could have imagined.

God said that instead of David making a house for Him, He would make a house for David. But God wasn't talking about a physical building to live in. God meant that He was going to give David's family an important and everlasting purpose. God explained that He would use David's family for the most wonderful part of His plan. God promised that the Messiah would come from David's family. When God told David that one of his descendants would be king forever, God was talking about Jesus! How is Jesus the perfect King? Jesus perfectly rules over the universe as the King of kings.

#### **[Christ Connection]**

God promised David that every future king of Israel would come from David's family, and David's kingdom would last forever. God kept His promise by sending His Son, Jesus, as one of David's descendants. Jesus is our King who will never die; He will rule over God's people forever.

Many years after David died, God the Son entered the world, born into David's family as a human baby boy named Jesus. Jesus grew up and never sinned. At just the right time, He gave up His life, dying on the cross so that we could have forgiveness for sin and eternal life with God. Jesus rose from the dead, and now Jesus is alive in heaven with God. One day He will return as the King of kings and complete God's promise to get rid of sin. Jesus will fix everything broken in the world and set up a perfect kingdom.

## **(6) Key Passage and Songs (4 minutes)**

*Since the last unit was so short, we will combine the Key Passage Memory Challenge for units 10 and 11. If kids want to repeat both, they will get an extra prize. 😊 Unit 11 will end at the end of August.*

Show the key passage printable or find it in the Bible. Lead the kids to repeat it. Then sing the Key Passage songs to help commit these to memory.

### **MUSIC VIDEO TITLES (OPTIONS) -**

1. Everlasting Kingdom (Preschool)
2. Your Kingdom (Elementary)

## **(7) Prayer (1 minute)**

**SAY** - Lord, You are wonderful and Your promises cannot be stopped. Thank You for sending Jesus through David's family. Thank You that Jesus died for us even though we did not deserve it. Help us to trust and obey Jesus. He is the King of kings. Amen.

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# **APPLY the Story**

## **(8) Coloring Page & Reflection (10 minutes)**

### **MATERIALS**

- Printed coloring page (1 per child)
- Crayons, markers, or colored pencils

As they color, guide kids to think about and answer questions reviewing and reflecting on the story. Rewatch the Bible Story video if needed.

### **PRESCHOOL REFLECTION QUESTIONS**

- Where did David live? (*in a beautiful palace*)
- Where was the ark of God? (*in the tabernacle, a tent*)
- Did God want David to build Him a house? (*no*)
- What did God promise David? (**God promised that every king of Israel would come from David's family.**)
- How often does God keep His promises? (*God always keeps His promises.*)
- ***How is Jesus the perfect King? Jesus perfectly rules over everything.***

## ELEMENTARY REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Why did David want to build a house for God? (*To David it seemed backwards that he lived in a palace but God's house was a tent, 2 Sam. 7:2*)
- What did Nathan tell David at first? (*to do as he wanted to, 2 Sam. 7:3*)
- What did God promise David? (*that one of his descendants would be king forever, 2 Sam. 7:12-13*)
- Who fulfilled this promise of God? *Guide kids to understand that Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promise to David. Explain that Jesus was born into David's family. Remind them that when Jesus died on the cross and rose again, He defeated sin and death. God gave Jesus all authority, and Jesus is the King of kings. His rule will never end.*
- Was it sinful for David to want to honor God with a temple? *Guide the kids to see that David's desire to build a house for God was not sin, but it was also not part of God's perfect plan. If David had continued trying to build after God said no, it would have been sin. David trusted God's timing and obeyed Him.*
- When will Jesus' kingdom be fully established? *Help the kids begin to understand that Jesus' kingdom exists on earth through the people who love and follow Him. Guide them to think about when Jesus will return to earth to fix everything in the world and completely get rid of all sin. Help them see that Jesus will rule for all time.*